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1. The Czechoslovak Building Enterprises, National Corporation, Branch Znojmo, are located in the city of Znojmo, Wilson Street, about 60 meters from the railroad station. The Znojmo Branch is subordinated to the directorate of the Czechoslovak State Building Enterprises in Brno, which in turn is subordinated to the Ministry of Building in Prague.
2. The Znojmo Branch is divided as follows:
  - (a) Engineering construction which includes construction of dams, irrigation, and drainage projects.
  - (b) "Moravovest" constructions which include the building of bridges and tunnels
  - (c) Industrial constructions which include the building of apartment houses, and private houses and factories
  - (d) Surface constructions which include all agriculture buildings, stalls, pig-stys, stables, sheds, poultry buildings, and repairs.
  - (e) Accessory works (přidružené stavby) which include plumbing installation, cabinet-making, carpentry, roofing, locksmithing.
3. The finances are handled by the Ministry of Building in Prague, Narodni Trida. The Czechoslovak State Building Enterprises in Znojmo have thirteen trucks of various foreign makes. Of this number, three trucks are three tons, nine are five tons, and one truck has a ten-ton capacity. The enterprise also has seven concrete mixers, two Diesel motors, of the make Wikow, for generating electricity, and fifteen Siemens electro-motors for operating the concrete mixers.
4. The total number of personnel in the Znojmo Branch is eight hundred persons. Of this number, 37 are administrative and technical employees, including foremen and builders, 16 drivers, 17 storekeepers, 120 bricklayers, 64 carpenters, seven locksmiths, three electricians, six automobile mechanics, two blacksmiths, and the rest are helpers.
5. The highest wage paid to a skilled worker on the piece basis is 17 Kcs (crowns) per hour, while the lowest wage paid to a helper is 12 Kcs per hour.
6. About 30% of the total number of workers are members of the Communist Party.
7. The working hours are arranged according to the need. Sometimes three shifts a day are used.

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8. The Znojmo Branch had a serious shortage of cement and roofing material. The supply of cement came from Horni Srdi in Slovakia. The main warehouse of the Znojmo Branch is located in Znojmo. The following material was stored in this warehouse: cement, lime, brick, tiles, and insulation materials.
9. The workers do not conceal their general dissatisfaction with the low wages. Often workers were required to work on jobs as far as 30 to 40 km from home, without obtaining any compensation for traveling expense. The workers are also supposed to pay for their room and board from their wages.
10. Younger workers are accommodated in special boarding houses, where they receive political instruction.
11. The following are projects which have been carried out or begun by the Znojmo Branch:
  - (a) The Motorpal plant in Znojmo. Construction of this plant was begun in October 1950. Originally, this plant was intended to be a fruit and vegetable canning factory but the plans were changed at the last moment, and it was announced that it would be a heavy machinery plant. Although this factory has not yet begun production, the management is hiring as many workers as possible, mainly machine tool workers, electricians, etc. Eight hundred people are estimated to work in this factory.
  - (b) Construction project for the agricultural cooperative in Hrusovany nad Jeviskou. The construction consisted of two large buildings, each built to house eight hundred pigs, and two large sheds for calves, each built to house two hundred head. These buildings were built of brick and had tile roofs.
  - (c) Twenty-four houses in Zemanice. Between April and August of 1952 the Znojmo Branch was required to complete the construction of these houses, which were to serve as living quarters for people who lost their homes because of the construction of a dam which was being built in the vicinity. Each house was designed for two families. Approximately 200 workers were sent to complete this job.
  - (d) A military airport between the villages of Studenka and Butovice. The construction of this airport was begun in 1951. The area of the airport was 25 hectares. The surface was leveled, and covered with a layer of stone. It is believed that this airport will be a large one, and that the airport now operating in Hrabukky, near Ostrava, will be transferred here.
  - (e) A large tractor station between the villages of Nasachleby and H Saldorf. This project was begun during the last part of 1950. This tractor station will supposedly be the largest one in Czechoslovakia. A building 300 x 80 x 20 meters has already been finished. The roof is made of asbestos shingles. This building will be used as a workshop for repairing tractors and other agricultural machines. In the same building there is a storeroom for spare parts. Another building, 150 x 20 x 10 meters, was built later. This building also has an asbestos shingle roof, and serves as a storeroom for spare parts. It also accommodates a kitchen and a dining room for employees. At the end of 1951 six large buildings, each about 300 x 80 meters were under construction. At present the garages hold about 1000 tractors of various makes; eg, Skoda, Zetor, Farmall, CKD Caterpillar tractors, and Stalin tractors. In the month of May 1951 this station also received a shipment of about 36 tractors of Hungarian make. The garages also contain a number of US-made combines.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Map of Znojmo Area with Legend  
 (B): Sketch of Motorpal Plant in Znojmo with Legend  
 (C): Map of the Frydek-Mistek Area Showing New Construction Projects, with Legend

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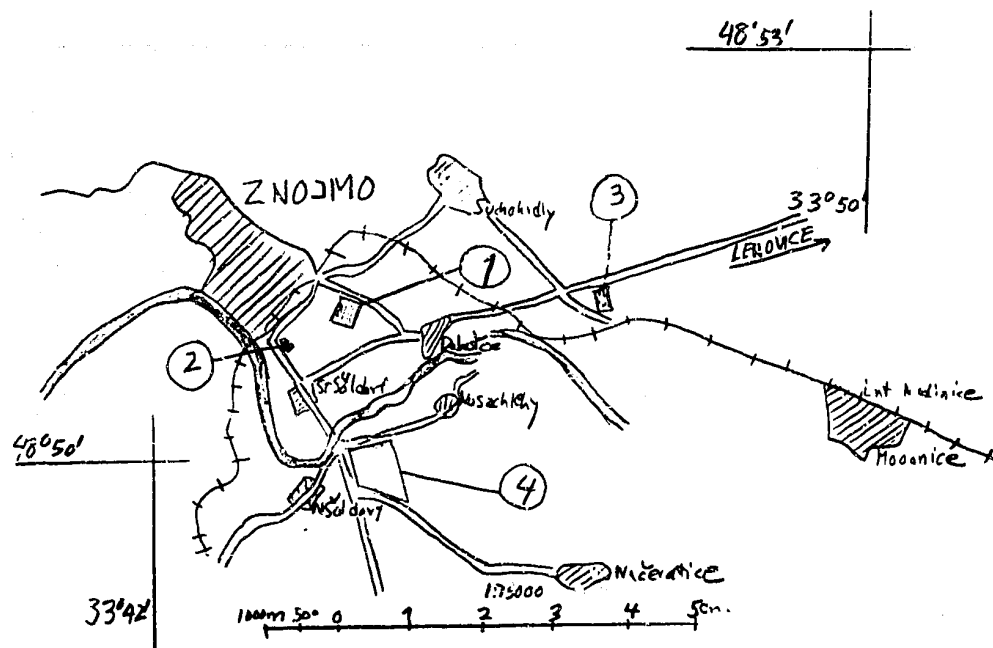
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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## MAP OF ZNOJMO AREA WITH LEGEND



## Legend:

- 1... The Motorpal Plant
- 2... Garages and storehouse of the Znojmo Branch of the Czechoslovak Building Enterprises
- 3... The auxiliary Airport in Znojmo
- 4... New tractor station.

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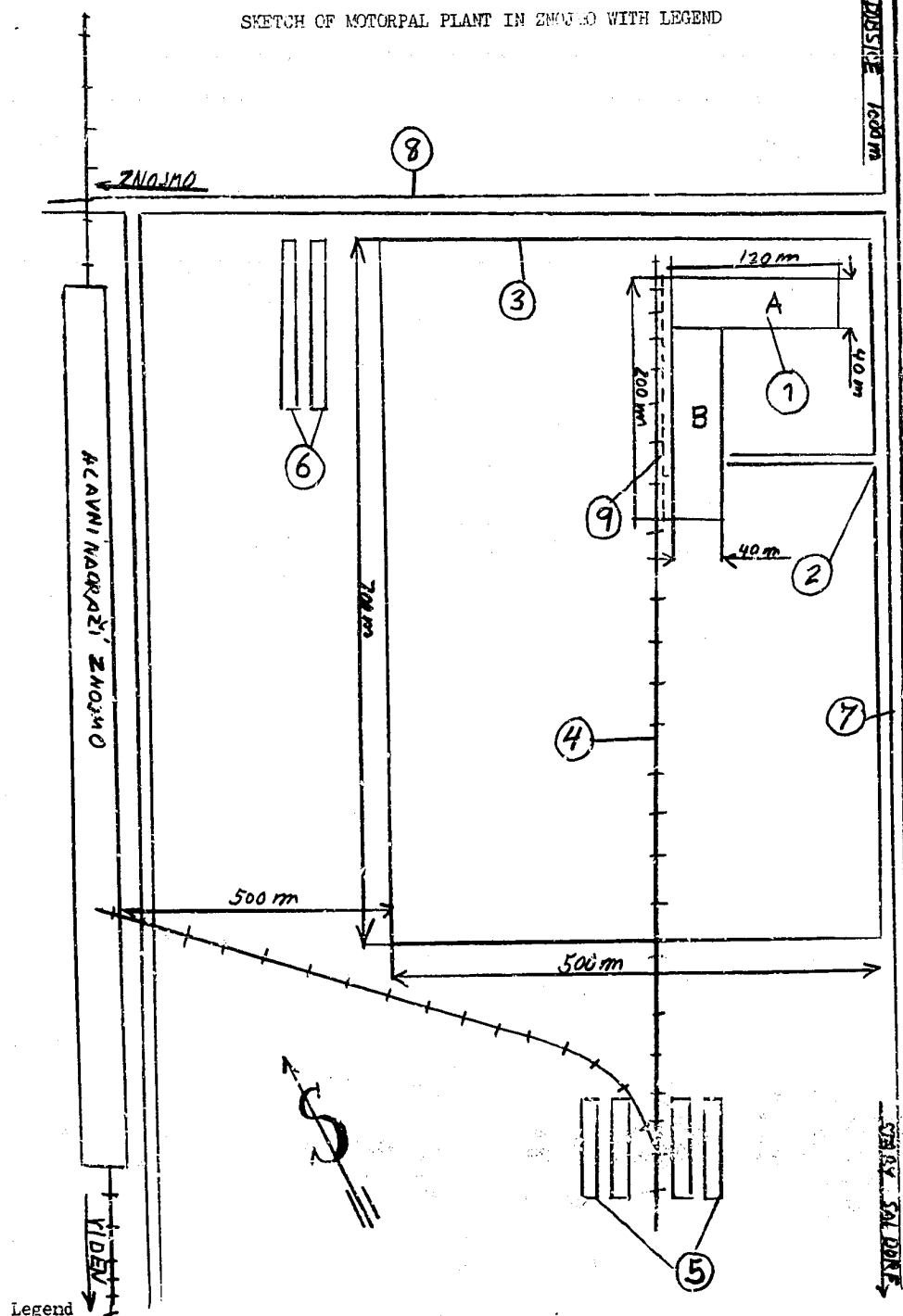
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SKETCH OF MOTORPAL PLANT IN ZNOJMO WITH LEGEND



## Legend

- 1...A hall made of white brick having two wings. (A) 20 meters high, with a flat glass roof. (B) 13 meters high, with a flat glass roof.
- 2...Main entrance to the Motorpal plant.
- 3...Concrete wall around the plant.
- 4...A factory railroad track, connected with the Czechoslovak State railroads in Znojmo.
- 5...Military hay and straw storehouse, a wooden building.
- 6...Garages of the Czechoslovak Automobile Transport Enterprises. The garages were built in June 1951, and consist of a two single-story buildings, made of brick with corrugated sheet-metal roofs. The Building is 120 x 25 meters and houses about 80 trucks. Sixty new trucks were supplied recently by Hungary. These trucks are of Czerpel-make, have Diesel engines, and a three-ton capacity.
- 7...State highway, asphalt
- 8...State highway, asphalt
- 9...Concrete loading platform for freight cars.

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